Projects for Cleansing of River

*434. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects for cleansing different rivers in the West, East and Central India under the National River Action Plan undertaken for implementation under the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress made in regard to each one so far; and

(c) the projects under contemplation for the 9th Five Year Plan, river-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), pollution abatement works have been taken up in 46 towns located on identified polluted stretches of 18 rivers in 10 States at an estimated cost of about Rs. 772.00 crores to be shared equally between the Central and the concerned State Governments. The operation and maintenance cost of the facilities will however, be borne entirely by the States. *(See* Appendix 179, Annexure No. 60)

(b) So far, we have received 105 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of schemes from the State Governments. Of these, 76 DPRs with a value of abour Rs. 65 crores have been approved. The details of approved DPRs are given in Annexure. *(See* Appendix 179, Annexure No. 61)

(c) No additional proposal under NRCP are presently under consideration of Government.

Applications for release of Forest Land for Industrial use

*435. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications received for release of forest land for industrial use in different regions;

(b) the details of all such pending applications in 1995-96 and the current year;

(c) whether any monitoring is being done by Government to decide such applications;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) how much of forest land has been allotted for the industrial use during last three years, with names of beneficiaries and corresponding acreage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a), (b) and (c) During the last three years 21 proposals for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been received in the Ministry for industrial use. A statement showing the details of such proposals alongwith the forest area diverted is laid on the Table of the House. *(See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of Proposals Received under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Including the Forest Area Diverted for Industrial Use During Three Years (Excluding Regional Offices)

Sl. No.	Name of proposal	Forest area involved	Status
1.	Gas pipeline by GAIL, Gujarat	0.095 ha.	Approved on 3.1.95
2.	Laying of pipeline for Gujarat Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd., Gujarat.	00.0275 ha.	Approved on 4.5.95
3.	Panipat Refinery Project, P.O. Baholi, Panipat, Haryana.	13.0 ha.	Approved on 1.6.95
4.	Open-drain for carrying effluent of M/s. Shreyans Industries to Telewal drain in Sangrur district, Punjab.	4.063 ha.	Approved on 6.11.95
5.	Lying of pipeline for IPCL, Gujarat.	8.47 ha.	Approved on 30.11.95
6.	Proposal for diversion of 2.22 ha. of forestland for construction of monocable ropeway by SIKA Inter Plant System Ltd., Karnataka.	2.22 ha.	Approved in principle on 19.2.96
7.	Diversion of forest land for construction of M/s Markandeya Co-operative Sugar Mill, Belgaon district Karnataka.	45 ha.	Approved on 29.2.96
8.	Diversion of forest land in favour of Dharamshi Morarji Chemicals Co. Ltd. for laying of pipeline and Construction of storage, Jamnagar district, Gujarat.	41.65 ha.	Approved on 8.4.96
9.	Copper Smelter project for Indo-Gulf Fertilizer & Chemicals Co. Ltd., Gujarat	17.5 ha.	Approved on 29.8.96
10.	Diversion of forest land for development of industrial area in Guna district, M.P.	148.52 ha.	Approved in principle on 12.9.96
11.	Sugar Centre for Kichha Sugar Co. in Uttar Pradesh	0.208 ha.	Approved in principle on 8.10.96
12.	Diversion of forest land in favour of M/s Neelanchal Ispat Nigam Ltd. for construction of Steel Plant in Dubri area, Orissa.	864.79 ha.	Approved on 22.11.96
13.	Pipeline, jetty and offshore facilities etc. for Essar Oil Limited, Gujarat.	15.49 ha.	Under process
14.	Conveyer belt and land for M/s. ABC Cement Co., Gujarat.	02.4603 ha.	Under process
15.	Diversion of forest land in favour of Karnataka Industrial Development Board, Bijapur district, Karnataka.	48.16 ha.	Pending with State Govt. for want of essential details.

Sl. No.	Name of proposal	Forest area involved	Status
16.	Diversion of forest land for revival of Ashok Paper Mills in Goalpara district, Assam.	11340 ha.	Pending with State Govt. for want of essential details.
17.	Diversion of forest land for setting up of Alumina Industry in favour of M/s. Utkal Alumina International Ltd., Orissa.	102 ha.	Pending with State Govt. for want of essential details
18.	Release of 1.10 ha. of forest land for construction of LPG tank road & pipeline at Baithkal in favour of Indo LPG Bottling Plant Ltd., Karnataka.	1.10 ha.	Pending with State Govt.
19.	Release of 6.02 ha. of forest land at Jambunatha village, Hospet M/s. Allum Karibasappa, Karnataka.	6.02 ha.	Pending with State Govt.
20.	Permission to lay underground pipeline and construction of Pump House in favour of M/s. Kalyani Steels Industries Ltd., Karnataka.	6.09 ha.	Pending with State Govt.
21.	Construction of Warehouse by Integrated Proteins Ltd., Gujarat.	01.0156 ha.	Rejected on 31.5.95

Doubling of Ernakulam-Quilon Railway Line

*436. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the proposal for the doubling of Ernakulam-Quilon Railway line *via* Kottayam and *via* Alleppy, and its present position?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): Two lines already exist between Ernakulam and Kayankulam, one *via* Kottayam and the other *via* Alleppey which serve the purpose of doubling. Between Kayankulam and Quilon dobuling has recently been completed. However, surveys for doubling of Kayankulam-Ernakulam *via* Alleppey/Kottayam has just been sanctioned.

Assistance to Maharashtra for Non-Formal Education

*437. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided assistance to State Government of Maharashtra to popularise non-formal education in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government have assessed the progress made by non-formal education in Maharashtra, particularly in Nagpur and the whole Vidarbha region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (d) The Centrally sponsored scheme of Non-Formal Education (NFE) seeks to provide opportunities